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This report alerts U.S. firms to **US\$ 61 million** in new technical assistance projects under the grant programs being administered by the Asian Development Bank for which consulting services may or may not be required. Opportunities are reported for. For 2005, U.S. firms, including many small consulting firms, succeeded in winning US\$46.26 million ADB-funded national technical assistance contracts out of a total ADB-financed consulting budget of US\$410.03 million.

The ADB selects a consultant for a TA grant based on its prior Expression of Interest (EOI). An EOI can be transmitted on-line through the ADB's website (www.adb.org); afterward it will be acknowledged automatically. Firms may opt to send a hardcopy follow-up EOI addressed to Mr. Robert J. Robertson, Director, Consulting Services Division, with a copy to the ADB Project Officer. The EOI should relate a firm's experience and expertise to the ADB project. It is important for a U.S. firm to emphasize its similar project experience in the country, or in a similar geographic area, rather than present a general profile of its consulting activities. A separate EOI should be submitted for each project. The project name indicated in the EOI should exactly match that listed in the ADB Business Opportunities publication to avoid confusion.

To be considered for employment, consulting firms must register on the ADB's DAICON (Data on Consulting Firms) system, or for individual consultants on the DICON (Data on Individual Consultants) system. Otherwise, their EOIs will not be accepted. DAICON and DICON registration can be done on-line at www.adb.org/consulting.

ADB's DAICON (<http://www.adb.org/Consulting/dacon.asp>) is a database of firms and other organizations from the ADB's member countries that are qualified to provide consulting services for ADB projects. The DAICON contains information on the experience and capacity of the firms and organizations. ADB requires firms or organizations to register on the DAICON so that the ADB can consider them for short-listing for a technical assistance project. The term "firm or organization" covers all sources of consultants, such as consulting firms, government agencies, public sector organizations, national and international institutions and non-government organizations.

The DICON (<http://www.adb.org/Consulting/dicon.asp>) system contains the names of persons who are citizens of ADB's member countries; are at the forefront of their respective fields; and may be practicing consultants or employees, whose organizations are prepared to release them for short periods to serve ADB; or retired persons with special experience who are still active.

Firms may also send a notification copy of their EOIs to the U.S. mailing address for the U.S. Commercial Service Liaison Office to the ADB, Attention: Cecile Santos, Senior Commercial Specialist, PSC 500 Box 33, FPO AP 96515-1000, or to the same office at its international mailing address: 25th Floor Ayala Life-FGU Center, 6811 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines 1226; Phone: (63-2) 887-1345; Fax: (63-2) 887-1164; E-mail: manila.adb.office.box@mail.doc.gov. Information about these projects are likewise available on our website at <http://www.buyusa.gov/adb>. This office works closely with the Office of the U.S. Executive Director to the ADB to increase American awareness of, and participation in, the ADB's activities.

The projects listed in this report are now being actively processed by the ADB. For more information on these projects, the name of the ADB project officer is indicated in the project brief. The U.S Commercial Service Liaison Office to the ADB is ready to provide assistance to U.S. firms upon request.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROJECTS, JULY 2006

A. AFGHANISTAN

A.1: Project Name : North-South Corridor Project
Project No. : AFG 39467-01
Executing Agency : Ministry of Public Works
Contact: Mr. Wali M. Rasooli, Deputy Minister
Address: 1st Macrorayan, Kabul, Afghanistan
Tel. No.: (0093) 791-9486
Grant Amount : US\$ 20,000,000.00
Sector/Subsector : Transport & Communications /Roads & Highways

Objectives and Scope:

To help the Government to promote economic and social development and reduce poverty by rehabilitating the national highway network which will connect the central hinterland of Afghanistan to the ring road.

Consulting Services: No consulting services required.

Environmental Assessment: Required

Project Processing Stage: Staff Review Committee (SRC) Meeting completed: 26 May 2006.

Recruitment of Consultants: No consulting services required.

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A.2: Project Name : North-South Corridor Project
Project No. : AFG 39467-02
Executing Agency : Ministry of Public Works
Contact: Mr. Wali M. Rasooli, Deputy Minister
Address: 1st Macrorayan, Kabul, Afghanistan
Tel. No.: (0093) 791-9486
Grant Amount : US\$ 40,000,000.00

Sector/Sub-sector : Transport & Communications /Roads & Highways

Objectives and Scope:

To help the Government promote economic and social development and reduce poverty by providing access to road transport for the central mountain region and facilitating direct and shorter connections between various regions as well as facilitating North-South transit traffic.

Consulting Services: No consulting services required.

Environmental Assessment: To be determined.

Project Processing Stage: Management Review Meeting (MRM) completed: 6 June 2006.

Recruitment of Consultants: No consulting services required.

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B. BHUTAN

Project Name : Rural Electricians Training Program
Project No. : BHU 40001-01
Executing Agency : Ministry of Trade and Industry, Department of Energy
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Grant Amount : US\$ 1,000,000.00
Sector/Sub-sector : Energy /Renewable Energy

Objectives and Scope:

The main purpose of the Project is to reduce rural poverty by creating employment opportunities. Component A will provide training for local villagers to become electricians. Trained electricians will not only meet the growing demand in rural areas, they will also ensure that household wiring is done in a proper and safe manner. Component B will provide a unique training package, which includes the installation of PV solar systems to communities that are not going to be connected to the grid, in the next 10-15 years. This component will create job opportunities for solar electricians and also have a major positive impact on those isolated communities that will otherwise become more marginalized. They will enjoy all the benefits from access to electricity. In particular, the proposed Project will target communities where traditional activities are dying due to lack of opportunities. Electrification is therefore to be considered a GDO.

Consulting Services: Domestic consultants to be recruited for four (4) person-months.

Environmental Assessment: Not required.

Project Processing Stage: Approved by the Bank: 25 May 2006.

Recruitment of Consultants: Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in August 2006.

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